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Dear Toni,

Thanks for your note and efforts. After speaking to you, I mailed without any explanation, to get it to you in a hurry, the facsimile of Oswald's letter to the then secretary of the Navy with the key information, that he claimed to have the sanction of the U.S.Embassy while in the USSR.

On the second Cuba story, the one dealing with the fisherman, I omitted a key item in the summary. I tell you this in case anyone discusses this with you. The US refusal to take Cuban water, more, the dramatic if childish pipe chopping, especially when affirmed by the President of the United States, tend to prove the Cuban claimx that Guantanamo is no longer an essential US base and should be restored to Cuban sovereignty. One of the essential functions of a naval base is to supply water to the fleet.

We have the approval and any help they can give from the poultry cookbook. They are collecting the recipes that won prizes and biographical data on the winning cooks. This is a big job that has to worked in around essential functions and will take some time. We have in out hands perhaps a third of the recipes. If you would like me to outline the book before I get this material in hand, I will try and do so, but I thought the background of the contest, the stature of the judges, etc., might better be factual. As I remember our conversation, this is the sort of thing you suggested might be good for an introduction. I also thought that when I get a chance I'd outline a magazine picture story on this year's contest.

We have been deeply occupied with our legal problems and getting checked up. Yesterday the orthopedic specialist told me that Xrays prove I have tennis elbow in the left shoulder.

Oskar Pumpernickel was stolen Tuesday, without my getting any new good pictures. I can write a story about him without research and the first time I get a chance I'll do so.

On the SST, as of Wednesday, the FAA admits 1700 phoned-in complaints in Okla. City, quite a few claims for property damage, two law suits alleging damage to hearing and an injunction have been filed, and at least one chicken farmer, a woman, alleges her flock's production has fallen from 4400 eggs daily to 18 2700.

I have subscribed to the Post, Look and LIFE so I can see what they use and how, and I suppose I'll subscribe for more as soon as I get some of the lower rate